What is claimed is:

1. A data processing apparatus comprising:

storage means for storing and retaining confidential image data and non-confidential image data;

display control means for providing such control as to display image data stored in said storage means; and

determining means for determining whether or not to display said confidential image data; and

wherein:

said display control means is responsive to a determination made by said determining means that said confidential image data are to be displayed, for providing such control as to display both said confidential image data and said non-confidential image data; and

said display control means is responsive to a determination made by said determining means that said confidential image data are not to be displayed, for providing such control as to display said non-confidential image data.

2. A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

selecting means for allowing a user to select image data to be output from the displayed image data

controlled to display by said display control means; and

    output means for outputting the image data selected by said selecting means.

    3. A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said storage means has a plurality of boxes that store said image data, and said data processing apparatus further comprises box selecting means for allowing the user to select a desired one of said plurality of boxes, and wherein said display control means provides such control as to display image data contained in the box selected by said box selecting means.

    4. A data processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein when the desired box is selected by said box selecting means, said determining means determines whether or not to display said confidential image data, and wherein said display control means is responsive to results of the determination, for controlling display of the confidential image data and the non-confidential image data.

    5. A data processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein when the desired box is selected by said box selecting means, said display control means provides such control as to display non-confidential image data contained in the selected box.

    6. A data processing apparatus according to claim

5, wherein if said determining means determines that said confidential image data are to be displayed while the non-confidential image data contained in the selected box are displayed, said display control means provides such control as to display both confidential and non-confidential image data contained in the selected box.

7.   A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said determining means determines whether or not to display said confidential image data, by checking a password.

8.   A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said storage means stores said confidential image data and said non-confidential image data in separate storage areas.

9.   A data processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said output means prints the image data selected by said selecting means.

10.   A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising registering means for registering said image data in said storage means.

11.   A data processing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said storage means has a security storage area and a non-security storage area in which said confidential image data and said non-confidential image data are separately stored, respectively, and wherein said registering means determines whether said

image data are to be registered in said security
storage area or in said non-security storage area,
depending on whether or not said image data are
confidential, and registers said image data in one of

5   said security storage area and said non-security
storage area in which the image data are determined to
be registered.

12.   A data processing method of controlling a
data processing apparatus having storage means for

10   storing and retaining confidential image data and non-
confidential image data, the method comprising:

a display control step of providing such control
as to display image data stored in said storage means;
and

15   a determining step of determining whether or not
to display said confidential image data, and

wherein:

said display control step is responsive to a
determination made by said determining step that said

20   confidential image data are to be displayed, for
providing such control as to display both said
confidential image data and said non-confidential image
data; and

said display control step is responsive to a

25   determination made by said determining step that said
confidential image data are not to be displayed, for
providing such control as to display said non-

confidential image data.

13. A data processing method according to claim 12, further comprising:

a selecting step of allowing a user to select image data to be output from the displayed image data controlled to display by said display control step; and

an output step of outputting the image data selected by said selecting step.

14. A data processing method according to claim 12, wherein said storage means has a plurality of boxes that store said image data, and said data processing method further comprises a box selecting step of allowing the user to select a desired one of said plurality of boxes, and wherein said display control step comprises providing such control as to display image data contained in the box selected by said box selecting step.

15. A data processing method according to claim 14, wherein when the desired box is selected by said box selecting step, said determining step determines whether or not to display said confidential image data, and wherein said display control step is responsive to results of the determination, for controlling display of the confidential image data and the non-confidential image data.

16. A data processing method according to claim 14, wherein when the desired box is selected by said

box selecting step, said display control step provides
such control as to display non-confidential image data
contained in the selected box.

5   17.   A data processing method according to claim
16, wherein if said determining step determines that
said confidential image data are to be displayed while
the non-confidential image data contained in the
selected box are displayed, said display control step
provides such control as to display both confidential
10   and non-confidential image data contained in the
selected box.

          18.   A data processing method according to claim
12, wherein said determining step comprises determining
whether or not to display said confidential image data,
15   by checking a password.

          19.   A data processing method according to claim
12, wherein said storage step comprises storing said
confidential image data and said non-confidential image
data in separate storage areas.

20   20.   A data processing method according to claim
13, wherein said output step comprises printing the
image data selected by said selecting step.

          21.   A data processing method according to claim
12, further comprising a registering step of
25   registering said image data in said storage step.

          22.   A data processing method according to claim
21, wherein said storage means has a security storage

area and a non-security storage area in which said
confidential image data and said non-confidential image
data are separately stored, respectively, and said
registering step comprises determining whether said
5   image data are to be stored in said security storage
area or in said non-security storage area, depending on
whether or not said image data are confidential, and
registering said image data in one of said security
storage area and said non-security storage area in
10   which the image data are determined to be registered.

      23. A storage medium storing a computer readable
program for controlling a data processing apparatus
having storage means for storing and retaining
confidential image data and non-confidential image
15   data, the program comprising:

      a program code for causing a computer to execute a
data processing method comprising a display control
step of providing such control as to display image data
stored in said storage means, and a determining step of
20   determining whether or not to display said confidential
image data, and

      wherein:

      said display control step is responsive to a
determination made by said determining step that said
25   confidential image data are to be displayed, for
providing such control as to display both said
confidential image data and said non-confidential image

data; and

said display control step is responsive to a
determination made by said determining step that said
confidential image data are not to be displayed, for
providing such control as to display said non-
confidential image data.

24. A storage medium according to claim 23,
wherein the data processing method further comprises a
selecting step of allowing a user to select image data
to be output from the displayed image data controlled
to display by said display control step, and an output
step of outputting the image data selected by said
selecting step.

25. A storage medium according to claim 23,
wherein said storage means stores said image data in a
plurality of separate boxes, and the data processing
method further comprises a box selecting step of
allowing the user to select a desired one of said
plurality of boxes, and wherein said display control
step comprises providing such control as to display
image data contained in the box selected by said box
selecting step.

26. A storage medium according to claim 25,
wherein when the desired box is selected by said box
selecting step, said determining step determines
whether or not to display said confidential image data,
and wherein said display control step is responsive to

results of the determination, for controlling display
of the confidential image data and the non-confidential
image data.

27. A storage medium according to claim 25,
wherein when the desired box is selected by said box
selecting step, said display control step provides such
control as to display non-confidential image data in
the selected box.

28. A storage medium according to claim 27,
wherein if said determining step determines that said
confidential image data are to be displayed while the
non-confidential image data in the selected box are
displayed, said display control step provides such
control as to display both confidential and non-
confidential image data contained in the selected box.

29. A storage medium according to claim 23,
wherein said determining step comprises determining
whether or not to display said confidential image data,
by checking a password.

30. A storage medium according to claim 23,
wherein said storage means stores said confidential
image data and said non-confidential image data in
separate storage areas.

31. A storage medium according to claim 24,
wherein said output step comprises printing the image
data selected by said selecting step.

32. A storage medium according to claim 23,

wherein the program further comprises a program code
for causing the computer to execute a registering step
of registering said image data in said storage step.

33. A storage medium according to claim 32,
wherein said storage means has a security storage area
and a non-security storage area in which said
confidential image data and said non-confidential image
data are separately stored, respectively, and said
registering step comprises determining whether said
image data are to be stored in said security storage
area or in said non-security storage area, depending on
whether or not said image data are confidential, and
registering said image data in one of said security
storage area and said non-security storage area in
which the image data are determined to be registered.

34. A program for controlling a data processing
apparatus having storage means for storing and
retaining confidential image data and non-confidential
image data, the program comprising:

a program code for causing a computer to execute a
display control step of providing such control as to
display image data stored in said storage means, and a
determining step of determining whether or not to
display said confidential image data, and
wherein:

said display control step is responsive to a
determination made by said determining step that said

confidential image data are to be displayed, for
providing such control as to display both said
confidential image data and said non-confidential image
data; and

5   said display control step is responsive to a
determination made by said determining step that said
confidential image data are not to be displayed, for
providing such control as to display said non-
confidential image data.